

REMARKS

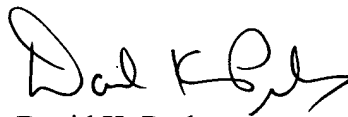
Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application that is reflected in the Official Action. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's statement that Claim 58 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To obtain early allowance of the claims, Applicants have amended Claim 41 to recite the recitations of Claim 58 and the intervening Claim 43. Claims 1-40, 43, 49, and 58 have been canceled.

Applicants note that the Examiner indicated on Page 28 of the Office Action that allowance of Claim 58 depended on rewriting of that claim "to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action". However, Applicants have not identified where any rejection of Claim 58 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been made. Applicants have carefully reviewed Claim 58 and believe that it should not be subject to such a rejection. Accordingly, it appears that the reference to such rejection of Claim 58 is in error.

Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of the pending claims and passing of this application to issuance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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